

REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 12, 2007 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner objects to claims 5-10 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) as being improper multiple dependent claims. By the accompanying amendment, the improper dependences have been eliminated. It is noted that claim 5 is not multiply dependent, and that therefore the objection is improper with respect to claim 5).

The Examiner rejects claims 1-3 and 5-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over JP 3-78703. The Examiner states that JP 3-78703 discloses that a compound expressed by formula I or the copper complex compound thereof is applied on a base material.

By the accompanying amendment, claim 1 has been amended by incorporating there in the limitations of claim 4, which contains allowable subject matter. Claims 2-5 have been cancelled. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to depend on amended claim 1, and claims 9 and 10 have been amended to depend on claims 6 and 7.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,


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